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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph which begins on page 9, line 1, and continues to page 9, line 9, as follows:

The core networks 19 are also connected to backbone network 18. The core networks comprise plural core network nodes, of which in representative fashion Fig. 1 illustrates two such core network nodes, particularly Mobile Switching Center (MSC) node 26 and Serving GPRS Support Node (SGSN) 28 being connected to backbone network 18. The Mobile Switching Center (MSC) node 26 is connected to circuit-switched telephone networks (PSTN/ISDN) represented by cloud 30. Serving GPRS Support Node (SGSN) 28 is connected to packet-switched networks (e.g., the Internet) as represented by cloud 32. One core network node (MSC or SGSN) may control several RNCs simultaneously.

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Please amend the paragraph which begins on page 10, line 24, and continues to page 11, line 2, as follows:

Example implementations of the protocol stacks of the present invention including include higher protocols (which can be stacked on the Internet Protocol (IP) of the user plane protocol stacks 100, 101, and 102 of Fig. 1). The example implementations described herein are primarily with reference to the Iu-CS Interface. However, it will be appreciated that various ones of the examples described below for the Iu Interface are also applicable to other interfaces such as the Iur Interface and Iub Interface. Moreover, in so far as the usage of the IP Protocol in the Iur Interface and Iub Interface are concerned, it will be understood that the connections between the involved nodes (e.g., RNC nodes 24₁ and 24₂ for the Iur Interface; RNC nodes 24 and BS nodes 22 for the Iub Interface) can involve backbone networks comparable to backbone network 18, rather than the particular connections illustrated in Fig. 1.